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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

J.P. PRIEELS et al.

Serial No.: 08/909,879

Group Art Unit: 1818

Filed: August 12, 1997

Examiner: L. Smith

For: VACCINE COMPOSITION CONTAINING ADJUVANTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In reply to the Official Action dated November 24, 1997, the period for reply having been extended for three (3) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated November 24, 1997, the Examiner rejected claims 19 through 32 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, for failing to enable any person skilled in the art to make and use the invention commensurate in scope with the claims. In response to the Examiner's objection, the Applicants submit the Declaration of Dr. Gerald Voss and two journal articles (Walker and Rinaldo) which traverse the Examiner's rejection.

Dr. Gerald Voss, one of the applicants, is clearly one of at least ordinary skill in the art. He has Bachelors, Masters, and Doctoral degrees in Biology from Universities in Germany. Further, he was a post-doctoral researcher at Harvard for three years before joining SmithKline

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